

## Statement on Utah Water Task Force Utah Lake Committee

Following the 2021 General Session, the Utah Water Task Force voted unanimously to form a Task Force committee to assist Rep. Brammer's work on HB 364, if desired. Rep. Brammer has, in turn, been generous with his time in working with the committee.

Rep. Brammer's proposed legislation is by necessity comprehensive in scope and complex in nature. Consequently, the Task Force has worked to engage people with subject matter expertise on Utah Lake and then focused their efforts to advance Rep. Brammer's notable purposes.

The committee includes 60+ volunteers from state and local agencies and the private sector. Department of Natural Resources Executive Director Brian Steed requested that I chair the committee. A poll of committee volunteers shows over 650 years of collective Utah Lake work experience. Committee members have in turn reached out to other subject matter experts.

The large number of volunteers allowed us to form subcommittees focused on key topics addressed in HB 364 and select an organizer for each subcommittee as follows:

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To date, each subcommittee has met at least once.

A drafting committee is being organized to compile the recommendations for Rep. Brammer's further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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